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Subject: Please review and update draft summaries of state nutrient programs
Attachments: Nutrient Profile - MT 3-20-13.docx

Mike and Eric,

Attached is information from HQs regarding state progress on nutrient frameworks. The information is intended to summarize nutrient-related activities in a variety of state program areas (e.g., NPS, TMDL, permits, criteria development). HQs is soliciting state input on these summaries to ensure that the details presented are as accurate and up to date as possible.

We'd encourage you to take a minute and review the information in the summary. If you prefer to review the information via a conference call, let me know and I'd be happy to set up a conference call time. Otherwise, please send me your recommended changes or edits to the document by the end of May. Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. Thanks for your feedback!

Tina

Attached are revised draft summaries of state nutrient frameworks/strategies/programs for further review and input working with your states. With your help, we will finalize these state-by-state summaries to create a more robust national snapshot of state progress on reducing nutrient pollution. The state-by-state information will be useful for multiple purposes (e.g., responding to IG and GAO requests, minimizing last-minute fire drills when we have Administrator or Assistant Administrator speeches, etc.). Most importantly, it will give us the information we need to understand what progress we are making to reduce nutrient pollution and whether we need, as a National Water Program, to adjust our strategy or approaches.

Recall that we collected the information now in these documents last fall, using readily available regional/state and HQ information, supplemented by the ACWA State Nutrient Report released in December. We've also added data from national datasets on impaired waters, TMDLs and permits with discharge limits or monitoring for nutrient pollution. Now we are asking for your help, working with your states, to supply missing information and confirm that the draft summaries are accurate.

We ask that you work with your states as needed to complete these profiles. Please let me know if you have any questions and thank you in advance for your assistance.

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